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Macomb County upgrades Peregrine Falcon Web camera

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. – For enthusiastic followers of the Macomb County Peregrine falcon saga, the view just got much better. The county Information Technology Department (IT) has installed a new Web cam which offers higher resolution, better zoom and the ability to tilt and rotate remotely.

“The difference here is like night and day,” said Cyntia Zerkowski, IT director for the county. “Anyone who visits the site will notice the difference instantly.”

The new Web cam offers a resolution of 736 by 480 pixels (compared to 320 by 240 pixels on the old one) and an improved 25X zoom (compared to 3X zoom on the old camera). It shoots at 30 frames per second and has an ultra-quiet tilt and rotate ability (to avoid disturbing the nest)

The result is a crystal clear view of the Peregrines caring for their nest, which now contains only two eggs (there were three originally).

To view the Web cam, visit <http://www.macombcountymi.gov/peregrine/index.asp> and click on “view our live peregrine cam.”

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